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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Re: Application of David Boyers, et al.

USSN: 09/693,012

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR TREATING A SUBSTRATE WITH
AN OZONE-SOLVENT SOLUTION

AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2002, the Applicant amends the above-identified case as follows:

In The Claims

Please amend claims 8 and 14 as follows:

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8. (Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the reacting step comprises:
[rapidly] heating said ozone-solvent solution from said first temperature to said second temperature to form a heated ozone-solvent solution; and
applying said heated ozone-solvent solution to the material at approximately said second temperature.
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a2
14. (Amended) The method of Claim 8, wherein said step of applying said ozone-solvent solution to said material has at least one point of application, and wherein the step of [rapidly] heating comprises using a liquid-to-liquid heat exchanger placed just upstream of the at least one point of application of said ozone-solvent solution to said material.

Upon allowance, substitute pages for the allowed claims will be provided.

In The Specification

In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2002, Applicant amends the specification as follows:

Correction of Errors

The Examiner noted that there appear to be a number of informalities in the application. He noted that specifically on page 5, lines 25, 27, 28, and 34 lacked some punctuation. He also requested some case change. In response, Applicant hereby amends the specification as follows: